WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

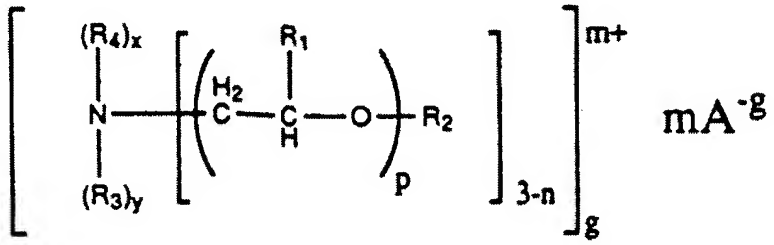
1. An article of manufacture comprising:

(a) a fabric conditioning composition comprising a mixture of about 20 percent to about 80 percent of an acyloxyalkyl quaternary ammonium compound and about 80 percent to about 20 percent of a mixture of glycerin and glyceryl esters;

(b) a dispensing means which provides for release of an effective amount of the fabric conditioning composition to fabric in an automatic clothes dryer,

wherein the fabric conditioning composition is a solid or semi-solid at room temperature and has a melting point of about 30°C to about 65°C.

2. An article according to claim 1, wherein the acyloxyalkyl quaternary ammonium compound has the following general formula:

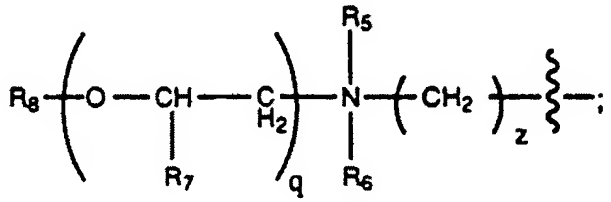


wherein

each R_1 is independently a hydrogen atom or a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 1 - 6 carbon atoms;

each R_2 is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkylcarbonyl group containing from about 11 carbon atoms to about 23 carbon atoms, with at least one R_2 group being an alkylcarbonyl group;

each R_3 is independently a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 1 - 4 carbon atoms which is substituted or un-substituted with 1 - 3 hydroxyl groups, or is a group of the formula



each R_4 is independently a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 1 - 4 carbon atoms, which is substituted or un-substituted with 1 - 3 hydroxyl groups;

R_5 is a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 8 - 23 carbon atoms;

R_6 is a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 1 - 4 carbon atoms which is substituted or un-substituted with 1 - 3 hydroxyl groups;

each R_7 is independently a hydrogen atom or a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 1 - 6 carbon atoms;

R_8 is a hydrogen atom or an alkylcarbonyl group containing from about 11 carbon atoms to about 23 carbon atoms;

q = 1-100;

z = 2 or 3;

p = 1-100;

n = 1 or 0;

x and y are independently 0 or 1 with (x+y)+(3-n)=4;

m = 1or2;

g = 1, 2 or 3;and

A is a monovalent anionic residue of an alkylating agent, or a monovalent or polyvalent anionic residue of a Bronsted acid.

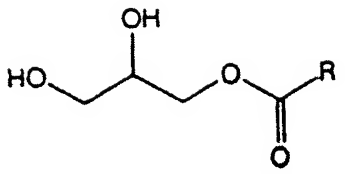
3. An article according to claim 2, wherein R_2 is derived from a mixture of hydrogenated tallow and hydrogenated coconut oil.

4. An article according to claim 3, wherein the ratio of hydrogenated tallow to hydrogenated coconut oil is from about 1:9 to about 8.5:1.5.

5. An article according to claim 2, wherein R_2 is derived from hydrogenated tallow.

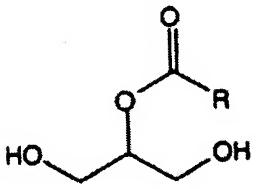
6. An article according to claim 1, wherein the glyceryl esters comprise monoglycerides, diglycerides and triglycerides.

7. An article according to claim 6, wherein the monoglyceride has the following general formula:



where R is a branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl group from about 11 - 23 carbon atoms.

8. An article according to claim 7, wherein the monoglyceride has the following general formula:



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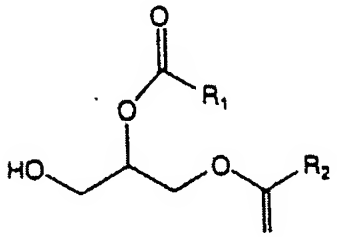
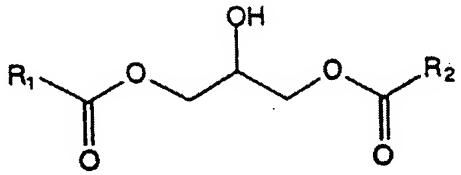
9. An article according to claim 8, wherein the diglyceride has the following general formula:



where R_1 and R_2 are independent branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl groups from about 11 - 23 carbon atoms.

10. An article according to claim 9, where in the diglyceride has the following general formula:



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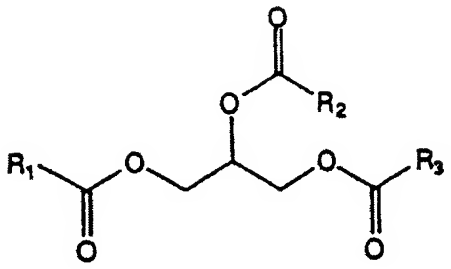
11. An article according to claim 10, wherein the triglyceride has the following general formula:



where R_1, R_2 and R_3 are independent branched or linear alkyl or alkenyl groups from about 11 - 23 carbon atoms.

12. An article according to claim 2, wherein the alkylating agent is selected from a groups comprising dimethyl sulfate, diethyl sulfate, dimethyl carbonate, trimethyl phosphate, methyl chloride, methyl bromide, methyl iodide, benzyl chloride and benzyl bromide.

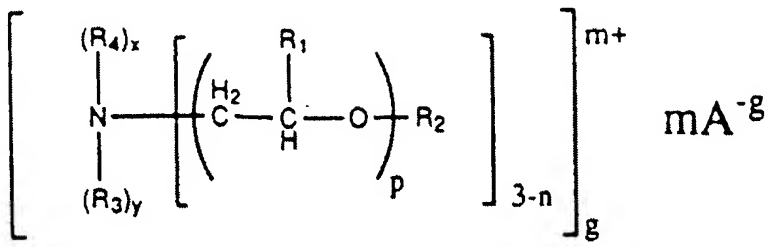
13. An article according to claim 1, wherein the dispensing means comprises a flexible substrate in the form of a sheet having the fabric conditioning composition releasably affixed thereto to provide a weight ratio of fabric conditioning composition to flexible substrate of about 10:1 to about 0.1:1.

14. An article according to claim 1, wherein the dispensing means comprises a sponge material releasably enclosing the fabric conditioning composition wherein the weight ratio of fabric conditioning composition to sponge material of about 10:1 to about 0.1:1.

15. A method for imparting softening and static reduction effects to fabric in an automatic laundry dryer comprising commingling articles of damp fabric by tumbling the damp fabric under heat in an automatic clothes dryer with an effective amount of a fabric conditioning composition, the fabric conditioning composition being flowable at dryer operating temperature, the fabric conditioning composition comprising a mixture of about 20 percent to about 80 percent of an acyloxyalkyl quaternary ammonium compound and about 80 percent to 20 percent

of a mixture of glycerin and glyceryl esters.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein the acyloxyalkyl quaternary ammonium compound has the following general formula:



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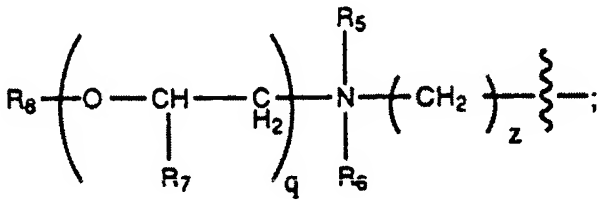

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17. A method according to claim 16, wherein R_2 is derived from a mixture of hydrogenated tallow and hydrogenated coconut oil.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the ratio of hydrogenated tallow to hydrogenated coconut oil is from about 1:9 to about 8.5:1.5.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein R_2 is derived from hydrogenated tallow.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein the glyceryl esters comprise monoglycerides, diglycerides and triglycerides.